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In the Specification:

Please replace the title with "METHOD OF CLEANING TILE GROUT".

Please replace the paragraph starting on Page 1, line 4, with the following:

--This is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/113,665, filed March 28, 2002, which is a continuation of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/771,167, filed January 26, 2001, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/229,471, filed January 13, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,180,588, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/861,403, filed May 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,908,350, which is a continuation-in-part of provisional application U.S. No. 60/018,980 filed on June 4, 1996.--

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add the following claims into the application:

20. A method of erasing stains on tile grout, comprising:

providing a tile grout cleaner for erasing stains on tile grout;

scrubbing the tile grout and stains on the tile grout with the tile grout cleaner whereby stains on the tile grout are erased from the tile grout.

21. The method of claim 20, wherein the tile grout cleaner includes an aggregate and a binder for binding the aggregate together; and scrubbing the tile grout and stains on the

tile grout with the tile grout cleaner includes wearing the aggregate and the binder at substantially the same rate during scrubbing.

22. The method of claim 21, wherein the aggregate includes a first type of aggregate and a second type of aggregate.

23. The method of claim 22, wherein the first type of aggregate includes particles of a first size and the second type of aggregate includes particles of a second size, the size of the particles of the first type of aggregate is larger than size of the particles of the second type of aggregate.

24. The method of claim 23, wherein the second type of aggregate is nested within spaces between the first type of aggregate.

25. The method of claim 22, wherein the first type of aggregate is silica sand no. 20 and the second type of aggregate is silica sand no. 30.

26. The method of claim 21, wherein the aggregate is friable.

27. The method of claim 20, wherein the tile grout cleaner includes multiple cleaning elements and a binder for binding the multiple cleaning elements together; and scrubbing the tile grout and stains on the tile grout with the tile grout cleaner includes causing the multiple cleaning elements and binder to wear off of tile grout cleaner while cleaning the tile grout and stains on the tile grout without scratching or gouging the tile grout.

28. The method of claim 27, wherein the multiple cleaning elements include multiple first type of aggregate and multiple second type of aggregate.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the first type of aggregate includes particles of a first size and the second type of aggregate includes particles of a second size, the size of

the particles of the first type of aggregate is larger than size of the particles of the second type of aggregate.

30. The method of claim 29, wherein the second type of aggregate is nested within spaces between the first type of aggregate.

31. The method of claim 28, wherein the first type of aggregate is silica sand no. 20 and the second type of aggregate is silica sand no. 30.

32. The method of claim 27, wherein the cleaning elements are friable.